South Dakota Extended Content and Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

Writing Summary



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Special Education Programs Mission Statement

Special Education Programs located in the South Dakota Department of Education advocates for the availability of the full range of personnel, programming, and placement options, including early intervention and transition services, required to assure that all individuals with disabilities are able to achieve maximum independence upon exiting from school.

KINDERGARTEN GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
K.W.1.1. (Application) Draw a picture and	K.A.W.1.1. (Knowledge) Trace a simple object,
write a simple sentence about the picture.	line, shape or letter.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing

General Education Standards	Extended Content
K.W.2.1.(Application) Write a simple sentence	K.A.W.2.1. (Knowledge) Match a capital letter
using a capital letter and phonetic spelling.	at the beginning of a simple sentence.
K.W.2.2. (Application) Write the letters that	K.A.W.2.2. (Knowledge) Trace a letter with a
match sounds in words.	writing utensil when presented with a model of
	the letter and its corresponding sound.
K.W.2.3.(Application) Write upper- and lower-	K.A.W.2.3. (Knowledge) Compose 5-10
case letters.	uppercase letters of the alphabet.

South Dakota Kindergarten Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	Trace a simple object/shape and trace the label.
	Compose a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence.
	Compose a letter when presented with a model of the letter and its
	corresponding sound.
	Compose 13 uppercase letters of the alphabet with a model.
Applying	Trace a simple object, line, shape or letter.
	Match a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence.
	• Trace a letter with a writing utensil when presented with a model of the letter
	and its corresponding sound.
	• Compose 5-10 uppercase letters of the alphabet with a model.
Developing	Utilize a writing utensil to make marks.
	Trace a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence.
	Trace a letter with finger or object when presented with a model of the
	letter and its corresponding sound.
	Trace the uppercase letters of the alphabet.
Introducing	Grasp a writing utensil.
	Attend/respond to a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence.
	• Trace a letter with finger or object when presented with a model of the letter
	and its corresponding sound with assistance.
	Respond and attend to representations of letters in the alphabet.

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FIRST GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
1.W.1.1(Application) Illustrate and write text	1.A.W.1.1 (Knowledge) Trace a simple
to express thoughts and ideas.	object/shape and trace the label.
1.W.1.2(Application) Include details in	1.A.W.1.2 (Application) Complete a one-
pictures and writing.	dimensional representation of a simple object by
	adding missing features.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing

General Education Standards	Extended Content
1.W.2.1 (Application) Write complete	1.A.W.2.1 (Knowledge) Trace a capital letter
sentences using capital letters and periods.	at the beginning of a simple sentence and a
	period at the end of the sentence.
1.W.2.2 (Application) Correctly spell three-	1.A.W.2.2 (Application) Compose a letter that
and four-letter words and high-frequency	matches a given sound/representation.
words.	
1.W.2.3(Application) Write legibly and space	1.A.W.2.3 (Application) Compose the
words within a sentence.	uppercase letters of the alphabet with the proper
	formation.

South Dakota First Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors	
Advancing	Create an approximation of a simple object/shape.	
	Create a one-dimensional representation.	
	Compose a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence and a period at	
	the end of the sentence.	
	Construct an inventive spelling of a simple word.	
	Compose the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet with the proper	
	formation.	
Applying	Trace a simple object/shape and trace the label.	
	• Complete a one-dimensional representation of a simple object by adding missing features.	
	• Trace a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence and a period at the end of the sentence.	
	Compose a letter that matches a given sound/representation.	
	Compose the uppercase letters of the alphabet with the proper formation.	
Developing	Trace a simple object, line, shape or letter.	
	Complete a representation using various art mediums.	
	Recognize a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence and a	
	period at the end of the sentence.	

	Trace a three or four letter word.
	Trace representations of uppercase letters of the alphabet.
Introducing	Manipulate a writing utensil with assistance.
	• Participate in making a representation of a simple object with assistance.
	• Attend/respond to a capital letter at the beginning of a simple sentence and a
	period at the end of the sentence.
	Attend/respond to representations/labels of three and four letter words.
	• Attend/respond to representations of uppercase letters of the alphabet.

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SECOND GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
2.W.1.1 (Synthesis) Write three related	2.A.W.1.1 (Knowledge) Label a picture with a
sentences.	written approximation.
2.W.1.2 (Application) Write a friendly letter.	2.A.W.1.2 (Application) Sequence the letters of
	their name.
2.W.1.3 (Application) Write questions and	2.A.W.1.3 (Knowledge) Trace a simple
statements.	statement.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
2.W.2.1 (Application) Use periods and	2.A.W.2.1 (Comprehension) Insert a capital
question marks in writing and commas in the	letter at the beginning of simple sentences and an
greeting and closing of a friendly letter.	ending punctuation mark at the end of the
	sentences (period or question mark) when
	presented with a friendly letter.
2.W.2.2 (Application) Capitalize proper	2.A.W.2.2 (Application) Compose their name
names, days of the week, and months of the	with a capital letter.
year when writing.	
2.W.2.3 (Application) Spell high-frequency	2.A.W.2.3 (Application) Construct an inventive
words as well as words with phonetic	spelling of a simple word.
elements.	
2.W.2.4 (Application) Form letters	2.A.W.2.4 (Application) Compose the uppercase
accurately, and space words and sentences	and lowercase letters of the alphabet with the
correctly.	proper formation.

South Dakota Second Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	Compose a simple descriptive phrase about a familiar object.
	Compose their name.
	Compose an approximation of a simple statement.
	Compose a capital letter at the beginning of simple sentences, an ending
	punctuation mark at the end of the sentences (period or question mark), and a comma after the greeting and closing when presented with a friendly letter.
	Identify that names of people begin with a capital letter.
	• Compose three or four letter words phonetically and with proper formation.
	• Demonstrate correct spacing between letters and words in simple sentences.
Applying	Label a picture with a written approximation.
	Sequence the letters of their name.
	Trace a simple statement.

 Insert a capital letter at the beginning of simple sentences and an ending punctuation mark at the end of the sentences (period or question mark) when presented with a friendly letter. Compose their name with a capital letter. Construct an inventive spelling of a simple word. Compose the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet with the proper formation.
Trace a label of a given object/shape.
Compose name using template.
Trace a word to complete a statement.
Trace a capital letter at the beginning of simple sentences and an ending
punctuation mark at the end of the sentences (period or question mark) when
presented with a friendly letter.
Trace a model of their name with correct placement of capital and lowercase
letters.
Compose a letter for a given sound/representation.
Trace a representation of upper and lower case letters of the alphabet.
Demonstrate simple writing movements.
Recognize a representation of their name.
Use an adaptive device to create a programmed statement.
Attend/respond to capital letters at the beginning of simple sentences and an
ending punctuation mark at the end of the sentences (period or question mark)
when presented with a friendly letter.
Produce a representation of their name.
Attend/respond to a written word paired with a representation.
Attend/respond to a representations of upper and lowercase letters.

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THIRD GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
3.W.1.1.(Knowledge) Write statements,	3.A.W.1.1.(Knowledge) Compose a statement.
questions, commands, and exclamations.	
3.W.1.2.(Application) Identify a topic	3.A.W.1.2.(Knowledge) Identify a topic
sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion	sentence in a paragraph.
in a paragraph.	
3.W.1.3. (Application) Write a paragraph	3.A.W.1.3.(Knowledge) Match a supporting
using supporting details.	detail when provided with a topic sentence.
3.W.1.4.(Application) Write a friendly letter,	3.A.W.1.4.(Knowledge) Copy a thank you
thank you notes, and invitations.	note.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
3.W.2.1.(Knowledge) Capitalize geographical	3.A.W.2.1.(Knowledge) Capitalize the first
names, holidays, special events, titles of books	letter of names.
and stories, and titles of people.	
3.W.2.2.(Application) Use commas when	3.A.W.2.2.(Knowledge) Identify commas in
writing dates, city and state, and items in a	dates and between city and state
series.	
3.W.2.3.(Application) Write in manuscript	3.A.W.2.3.(Application) Write their name with
and/or cursive with proper spacing of words	proper spacing.
and sentences.	
3.W.2.4.(Application) Identify and incorporate	3.A.W.2.4.(Knowledge) Identify interjections.
interjections in the writing process.	

South Dakota Third Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	Compose a statement and a question.
	Identify a topic sentence and one detail in a paragraph.
	Compose a supporting details when provided with a topic sentence.
	Compose a one line thank-you note.
	Capitalize the first letter of names and titles of people.
	Compose commas in dates, cities and states.
	Compose a simple sentence with proper spacing.
	Compose a simple sentence with interjections.

Applying	Compose a statement.
	Identify a topic sentence in a paragraph.
	Match a supporting detail when provided with a topic sentence.
	Copy a thank-you note.
	Capitalize the first letter of names.
	Identify commas in dates and between city and state.
	Compose their name with proper spacing.
	Identify interjections.
Developing	Match statements and questions.
	Match a topic sentence to a representation.
	Match a simple sentence.
	Fill in a blank on a thank-you note.
	Identify the capital letters in first/last names.
	Identify a comma.
	Identify their name written with correct spacing.
	Imitate an emotion.
Introducing	• Attend to presentation on the difference between a statement and a question.
	Attend/respond to presentation on a topic sentence.
	Attend/respond to presentation on simple sentences.
	Attend/respond to presentation on thank-you note.
	Engage in activities with capital letters.
	Attend to/respond to presentation on commas.
	Attend to/respond to their written name.
	Attend to/respond to activities on emotion.

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FOURTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

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General Education Standards	Extended Content
4.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Express ideas, personal	4.A.W.1.1.(Application) Express personal
thoughts, and observations in response to	thoughts in response to literature.
literature	
4.W.1.2.(Synthesis) Create sentences using	4.A.W.1.2.(Application) Create a list of
words that describe, explain, or provide	descriptive words related to a presented picture or
additional details and connections.	representation of a topic.
4.W.1.3.(Synthesis) Compose a paragraph	4.A.W.1.3.(Application) Compose a topic sentence
with a topic sentence, supporting details, and	when given supporting details.
a conclusion.	

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
4.W.2.1.(Application) Capitalize names of	4.A.W.2.1.(Application) Capitalize published
magazines, newspapers, works of art, musical	titles.
compositions, organizations, and the first	
word in quotations.	
4.W.2.2.(Application) Identify and	4.A.W.2.2.(Knowledge) Identify a noun.
incorporate nouns in the writing process.	

South Dakota Fourth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	Express ideas in response to literature.
	Compose a sentence with descriptive words.
	Produce a topic sentence and one supporting detail.
	Capitalize published titles and personal titles.
	Use a noun in their writing.
Applying	Express personal thoughts in response to literature.
	Create a list of descriptive words related to a presented picture or
	representation of a topic.
	Compose a topic sentence when given supporting details.
	Capitalize published titles.
	Identify a noun.
Developing	Express a personal thought on a familiar subject.
	Choose a descriptive word from a list of words.
	Match a topic sentence and a supporting detail.
	Match capitalized published titles.
	Match/sort nouns.

Introducing	Attend/respond to literature.
	Attend/respond to representations of descriptive words.
	Attend/respond to presentation on topic sentence and supporting details.
	Participate in activities involving capitalization.
	Participate in noun activities.

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FIFTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
5.W.1.1.(Application) Compose narrative and	5.A.W.1.1(Application) Compose descriptive or
descriptive text of one paragraph.	narrative text of two sentences.
5.W.1.2. (Synthesis) Express ideas; reflect on	5.A.W.1.2.(Application) Express thoughts and
personal thoughts, opinions, and observations;	ideas through writing.
and respond to literature through writing.	

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
5.W.2.1.(Application) Punctuate and capitalize	5.A.W.2.1.(Comprehension) Differentiate
text including dialogue.	between correct and incorrect capitalization and end punctuation.
5.W.2.2.(Synthesis) Identify and incorporate	5.A.W.2.2.(Knowledge) Identify action verbs in
verbs in the writing process.	a sentence.

South Dakota Fifth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors	
Advancing	Compose descriptive or narrative text of three or more sentences.	
	Express thoughts, ideas and observations through writing.	
	Utilize correct capitalization and punctuation conventions.	
	Utilize an action verb in a sentence.	
Applying	Compose descriptive or narrative text of two sentences.	
	Express thoughts and ideas through writing.	
	Differentiate between correct and incorrect capitalization and end	
	punctuation.	
	Identify action verbs in a sentence.	
Developing	Compose a descriptive phrase or sentence.	
	List ideas.	
	Recognize capital letters and end punctuation.	
	 Recognize action verbs in a sentence. 	
Introducing	Attend/respond to descriptive phrases/words.	
	• Attend/respond to written thoughts.	
	• Attend/responds to capital letters and end punctuation.	
	Attend/respond to an action verb in a sentence.	

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SIXTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
6.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Compose narrative and	6.A.W.1.1.(Application) Compose a narrative
descriptive text of three paragraphs.	or descriptive sentence.
6.W.1.2. (Evaluation) Revise the organization	6.A.W.1.2.(Knowledge) Identify
in narrative and descriptive writing.	descriptive/narrative writing for two or more
	sentences.
6.W.1.3.(Application) Identify purpose and	6.A.W.1.3.(Knowledge) Identify purpose in
audience in writing.	writing.
6.W.1.4.(Application) Summarize information	6.A.W.1.4.(Comprehension) Restate
from references to compose text.	information from a reference source.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
6.W.2.1.(Application) Edit text for subject-	6.A.W.2.1.(Knowledge) Identify correct subject-
verb agreement.	verb agreement in a sentence.
6.W.2.2.(Application) Identify and	6.A.W.2.2.(Knowledge) Identify pronouns in a
incorporate pronouns in the writing process.	sentence.

South Dakota Sixth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors	
Advancing	Compose narrative or descriptive text of one paragraph.	
	 Edit descriptive/narrative writing of two or more sentences. 	
	Identify purpose and audience in writing.	
	Utilize information from a reference source.	
	Utilize correct subject-verb agreement in two or more sentences.	
	Utilize pronouns in two or more sentences.	
Applying	• Compose a narrative or descriptive sentence.	
	• Identify descriptive/narrative writing for two or more sentences.	
	Identify purpose in writing.	
	Restate information from a reference source.	
	• Identify correct subject-verb agreement in a sentence.	
	Identify pronouns in a sentence.	
Developing	Match a narrative phrase or sentence.	
	Identify descriptive/narrative writing in one sentence.	
	Match purpose to text/representation.	
	Recognize information from a reference source.	
	Match subject-verb agreement in a phrase/sentence.	
	Match pronoun in a sentence.	

Introducing	Attend/respond to narrative or descriptive text.	
	• Attend/respond to writing with picture symbols.	
	• Attend/respond to purpose in writing.	
	• Attend/respond to information in a reference source.	
	Attend/respond to subject-verb agreement in a sentence.	
	Attend/respond to pronouns in a sentence.	

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SEVENTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
7.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Compose expository	7.A.W.1.1.(Application) Compose expository
and persuasive text of three paragraphs.	and persuasive text.
7.W.1.2.(Evaluation) Revise word choice in	7.A.W.1.2.(Application) Determine word choice
writing.	in writing.
7.W.1.3.(Evaluation) Select language and	7.A.W.1.3.(Application) Choose language and
style for writing.	style for writing.
7.W.1.4.(Synthesis) Summarize and	7.A.W.1.4.(Application) Summarize information
paraphrase information from references to	from one reference to compose text.
compose text.	

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
7.W.2.1.(Application) Edit text for verb tense	7.A.W.2.1.(Knowledge) Identify verb tense
agreement.	agreement in isolated sentences.
7.W.2.2.(Application) Identify and	7.A.W.2.2.(Application) Compose a sentence
incorporate adjectives in the writing process.	using at least one adjective.

South Dakota Seventh Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors	
Advancing	Compose an expository and persuasive paragraph.	
	Use word choice in writing.	
	Imitate language and style for writing.	
	Summarize information from two or more references to compose text.	
	Correct verb tense agreement in a paragraph.	
	Compose two to three sentences using multiple adjectives.	
Applying	Compose expository and persuasive text.	
	Determine word choice in writing.	
	Choose language and style for writing.	
	Summarize information from one reference to compose text.	
	Identify verb tense agreement in isolated sentences.	
	Compose a sentence using at least one adjective.	
Developing	Recognize expository and persuasive text.	
	Recognize word choice in expository writing.	
	Recognize language and style for writing.	
	Select information from references to compose text.	
	Recognize present, past, and future tense.	
	Identify adjectives in isolated sentences.	

Introducing	Attend/respond to expository and persuasive text.
	Attend/respond to word choice in expository writing.
	Attend/respond to language and style for writing.
	Attend/respond to information from references.
	Attend/respond to text listening for verb tense agreement.
	Attend/respond to a sentence using at least one adjective.

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EIGHTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
8.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Compose narrative,	8.A.W.1.1.(Application) Compose narrative,
descriptive, expository, and persuasive text of	descriptive, expository, and persuasive text.
five paragraphs.	
8.W.1.2.(Evaluation) Revise writing for ideas	8.A.W.1.2.(Application) Compose for ideas and
and content.	content.
8.W.1.3.(Synthesis) Compose text using	8.A.W.1.3.(Application) Compose text using
information from multiple sources to support	information from at least two sources to support
a topic.	a topic.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
8.W.2.1.(Application) Edit text for run-on	8.A.W.2.1.(Knowledge) Recognize run-on
sentences and fragments.	sentences and fragments in a paragraph.
8.W.2.2.(Application) Identify and	8.A.W.2.2.(Application) Compose a sentence
incorporate adverbs in the writing process.	using at least one adverb.

South Dakota Eighth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	Compose narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive text of two to
	three sentences.
	Expand writing for ideas and content.
	• Compose text using information from at least three sources to support a topic.
	Correct run-on sentences and fragments in a paragraph.
	Compose a paragraph using multiple adverbs.
Applying	Compose narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive text.
	Compose for ideas and content.
	• Compose text using information from at least two sources to support a topic.
	Recognize run-on sentences and fragments in a paragraph.
	Compose a sentence using at least one adverb.
Developing	Recognize narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive text.
	Practice writing for ideas and content.
	• Compose text using information from at least one source to support a topic.
	Identify run-on sentences and fragments in isolation.
	Identify adverbs in isolated sentences.

Introducing	Attend/respond to narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive text.
	• Attend/respond to writing, listening for ideas and content.
	• Attend/respond to text using information from at least two sources to support
	a topic.
	• Attend/respond to run-on sentences and fragments.
	 Attend/respond to a sentence using at least one adverb.

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NINTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
9.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Write a thesis statement	9.A.W.1.1.(Application) Compose a topic
for an expository or persuasive document.	statement for an expository or persuasive
	document.
9.W.1.2.(Evaluation) Revise a document for	9.A.W.1.2.(Application) Revise sentences for
sentence fluency.	fluency.
9.W.1.3.(Synthesis) Write an informational	9.A.W.1.3.(Synthesis) Compose an
document using primary and secondary sources	informational text using at least two sources
that are listed on a reference page.	that are listed on a reference page.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
9.W.2.1.(Application) Revise text for the	9.A.W.2.1.(Application) Compose a
correct use of phrases.	prepositional phrase.
9.W.2.2.(Application) Identify and incorporate	INCORPORATED
prepositional phrases in the writing process.	

South Dakota Ninth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	Revise a topic statement for an expository or persuasive document.
	Edit a paragraph for sentence fluency.
	Compose an informational document using at least three sources that are
	listed on a reference page.
	Compose a sentence with a prepositional phrase.
Applying	Compose a topic statement for an expository or persuasive document.
	Revise sentences for fluency.
	Compose an informational document using at least two sources that are listed
	on a reference page.
	Compose a prepositional phrase.
Developing	Recognize a topic statement for an expository or persuasive document.
	Identify fluent sentences.
	Compose a sentence using at least one source that is listed on a reference
	page.
	Recognize a prepositional phrase.
Introducing	• Attend/respond to a topic statement for an expository or persuasive document.
	Attend/respond to fluency.
	Attend/respond to an informational document using at least two sources that
	are listed on a reference page.
	Attend/respond to a prepositional phrase.

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TENTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
10.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Write text using	10.A.W.1.1.(Application) Compose at least two
problem/solution and cause/effect	sentences using problem/solution or
organizational patterns.	cause/effect organizational patterns.
10.W.1.2.(Evaluation) Revise a document for	10.A.W.1.2.(Application) Use consistent voice
voice.	in writing.
10.W.1.3.(Synthesis) Write a research	10.A.W.1.3.(Application) Compose at least one
document that cites sources to support a thesis.	paragraph that cites at least two sources.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing

General Education Standards	Extended Content
10.W.2.1.(Application) Edit text for the correct	10.A.W.2.1. (Knowledge) Identify active voice.
use of active and passive voice.	
10.W.2.2.(Evaluation) Edit text for the correct	10.A.W.2.2.(Knowledge) Identify correct
use of pronouns and pronoun case.	pronoun usage.
10.W.2.3.(Evaluation) Edit text for the correct	10.A.W.2.3. (Application) Use quotation marks
use of quotation marks and italics for quoted	in dialogue.
material, titles, emphasized words, and	
dialogue.	
10.W.2.4.(Application) Identify and	10.A.W.2.4. (Application) Use conjunctions in
incorporate conjunctions in the writing	the writing process.
process.	

South Dakota Tenth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors	
Advancing	 Compose text using problem/solution or cause/effect organizational patterns of at least two paragraphs. Choose voice in writing. Compose a research document that cites two or more sources. Compose a sentence using active voice. Compose a sentence using pronouns. Compose a sentence using quotation marks in dialogue. 	
	 Compose a sentence using conjunctions in the writing process. 	
Applying	 Compose at least two sentences using problem/solution or cause/effect organizational patterns. Use consistent voice in writing. Compose at least one paragraph that cites at least two sources. Identify active voice. Identify correct pronoun usage. 	

	Use quotation marks in dialogue.	
	• Use conjunctions in the writing process.	
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Developing	Recognize text using problem/solution or cause/effect organizational	
	patterns.	
	Recognize voice in writing.	
	With a model, compose at least one paragraph that cites at least one source.	
	Recognize active voice.	
	Recognize correct pronoun usage.	
	Recognize the correct use of quotation marks in dialogue.	
	• Recognize conjunctions in the writing process.	
Introducing	Attend/respond to text using problem/solution or cause/effect organizational	
	patterns.	
	Attend/respond to voice in writing.	
	Attend/respond to at least one paragraph that cites two sources.	
	Attend/respond to active voice.	
	Attend/respond to pronouns.	
	Attend/respond to the correct use of quotation marks in dialogue.	
	Attend/respond to conjunctions in the writing process.	

Continuum of frequency, setting, and support.	
4	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills consistently across multiple settings
	without support.
3	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills more than once in more than one
	setting without support.
2	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills once in one setting with minimal
	support.
1	Students attempt to demonstrate knowledge and skills once in one setting with
	support.

ELEVENTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
11.W.1.1.(Synthesis) Write text using	11.A.W.1.1. (Application) Compose text of at
comparison/contrast organizational patterns.	least one paragraph using comparison or
	contrast.
11.W.1.2. (Synthesis) Write a document	11.A.W.1.2. (Application) Compose a
analyzing how a work of literature mirrors the	paragraph explaining how a work of literature
themes and issues of its historical period.	shows the issues of its historical period.

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
11.W.2.1.(Evaluation) Edit text for the correct	11.A.W.2.1. (Knowledge) Identify a clause.
use of independent and subordinate clauses.	
11.W.2.2. (Evaluation) Edit for correct use of	11.A.W.2.2. (Knowledge) Identify a verbal
verbals and verbal phrases.	phrase.
11.W.2.3. (Evaluation) Edit for correct use of	11.A.W.2.3. (Evaluation) Use a colon for
semicolons and colons.	either time or a list.
11.W.2.4. (Evaluation) Edit for correct use of	NOT APPLICABLE
parentheses, dashes, hyphens, and ellipses.	

South Dakota Eleventh Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors	
Advancing	Compose text of at least two paragraphs using comparison or contrast.	
	Compose two or more paragraphs explaining how a work of literature shows	
	the issues of its historical period.	
	Compose a sentence using a clause.	
	Compose a sentence using a verbal phrase.	
	Compose a sentence using a colon for a list.	
Applying	Compose text of at least one paragraph using comparison or contrast.	
	Compose at least one paragraph explaining how a work of literature shows	
	the issues of its historical period.	
	Identify a clause.	
	Identify a verbal phrase.	
	Compose a sentence using a colon for time or a list.	
Developing	Compose a sentence using comparison or contrast.	
	Compose a sentence explaining how a work of literature shows the issues	
	of its historical period.	
	Match a clause.	
	Match a verbal phrase.	
	Point to the correct use of a colon.	

Introducing	Attend/respond to text using comparison or contrast.
	• Attend/respond to an explanation of how a work of literature shows the issues
	of its historical period.
	Attend/respond to a clause.
	• Attend/respond to a verbal phrase.
	• Attend/respond to the correct use of colons.

Continuum of frequency, setting, and support.	
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	without support.
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	setting without support.
2	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills once in one setting with minimal
	support.
1	Students attempt to demonstrate knowledge and skills once in one setting with
	support.

TWELFTH GRADE WRITING EXTENDED CONTENT

Indicator 1: Students can apply the writing process to compose text.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
12.W.1.1. (Synthesis) Generate	12.A.W.1.1. (Application) Compose
correspondence for workplace or academic	correspondence.
settings.	
12.W.1.2.(Synthesis) Write a research	12.A.W.1.2. (Synthesis) Compose at least one
document which will defend a position or	paragraph which will defend a position.
recommend a plan of action.	
12.W.1.3. (Evaluation) Revise document for	12.A.W.1.3. (Synthesis) Rearrange a document
ideas, organization, diction, fluency, voice, and	for ideas and organization.
presentation.	

Indicator 2: Students can apply Standard English conventions in their writing.

General Education Standards	Extended Content
12.W.2.1. (Evaluation) Edit a document for	12.A.W.2.1. (Application) Edit a sentence for
all conventions.	end punctuation and capital letters.

South Dakota Twelfth Grade Writing Alternate Academic Achievement Descriptors

Levels	Descriptors
Advancing	• Compose correspondence to increase independent living skills.
	 Compose at least two paragraphs which will defend a position.
	• Edit a document for ideas, organization, and presentation.
	• Edit a paragraph for end punctuation and capital letters.
Applying	Compose correspondence.
	 Compose at least one paragraph which will defend a position.
	• Rearrange a document for ideas and organization.
	• Edit a sentence for end punctuation and capital letters.
Developing	Recognize correspondence.
	• Recognize text which will defend a position.
	• Rearrange a document for ideas or organization with assistance.
	 Match punctuation and capital letters in a sentence.
Introducing	Attend/respond to correspondence.
	• Attend/respond to text which will defend a position.
	• Attend/respond to a document, listening for ideas, organization.
	• Attend/respond to a document for end punctuation and capital letters.

Continuum of frequency, setting, and support.	
4	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills consistently across multiple settings
	without support.

3	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills more than once in more than one
	setting without support.
2	Students demonstrate knowledge and skills once in one setting with minimal
	support.
1	Students attempt to demonstrate knowledge and skills once in one setting with
	support.